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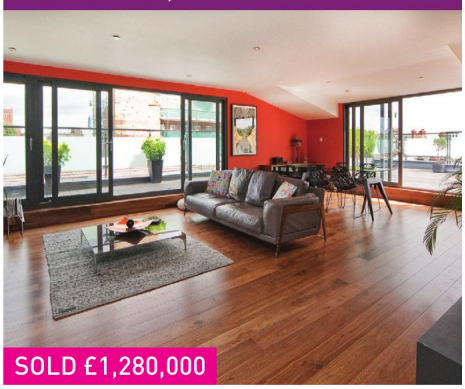

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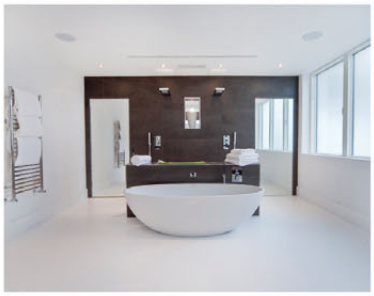

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From a 'gorgeous' boxer to a three-year-old cycling whizz, these are the ones who have something extra

This month's cover:
Taken from Anya Sushko's new handbag collection, a part of our 2014 hot list. Handbag featured is the Maxi Karolina in black & ivory, £625

Benedict Cumberbatch. An unforgettable name for many reasons these days, but the first time I featured him in your Islington glossy local, he was anything but the A-list superstar he is today. Starring at the Almeida Theatre, some three years before Sherlock was even a twinkle in the eyes of Mark Gatiss and Steven Moffat, I saw something in him that screamed 'one to watch'. It's nice to be proved right.

But who is the next big thing? And will that shining light emanate from N1? This issue I have selected the people and places (14 for 2014, obviously) that are worth keeping an eye on. From a 'gorgeous' boxer to a three-year-old cycling whizz, to a new artistic hub and sparkling handbags, these are the ones that have a little extra something.

This issue is not all about the future, however, as we feature two long-standing N1 favourites that couldn't be more different from each other. One, for a start, is a man and the other a building. The former is up at 3.20am every day to source the freshest fish to bring back to his Essex Road fishmonger. Steve Hatt is a well-known face in Islington, so it was a pleasure having him as My Angel this month. Vincent Terrace is one of the finest roads in N1, but one property in particular stands out for its unique façade. That's because it was formerly a school, before becoming a Salvation Army hall, and is now a wonderful family home. Owner Mark Hoskins offers The Angel Resident a guided tour to show how the building's history is very much a part of its present incarnation – and we didn't even have to direct our cab driver there due to its uniqueness.

There's just enough room to offer all our readers a Happy New Year!

Mark Kebble
Editor

This month I have… been swept up in Doctor Who nostalgia. It was the first programme I remember watching as a kid (Peter Davison was my Doctor), so the 50th anniversary bonanza has been one to savour.

The heart of N1

This month's contributors

A part of the Spice London story since his early teens, today **Gerard Levy** co-runs with his sister the successful shoe (and now clothes) shop in Islington. This month he tells us how the family-run business has evolved over three decades.

It's amazing to think that **Rosie Millard** has been a part of our team for two years, and we can't imagine an issue without her now. Every month she has something funny or enlightening to say about N1 – even mugging is given a positive spin.

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Angel life

Start the New Year by indulging in a luxury hotel stay or enjoying the changing face of N1

A deluxe hotel stay

We've teamed up with the luxurious Park Tower Knightsbridge to offer one lucky reader and a friend the chance to win an overnight stay with dinner, breakfast and afternoon tea. The prize includes a night in one of the hotel's breathtaking Panoramic Rooms, which are situated on the 15th and 16th floors, and the prizewinner will also be treated to the hotel's brand new Distinctly Knightsbridge Afternoon Tea, which is served daily in the recently renovated Knightsbridge Lounge and features specially-created savouries and pastries from the hotel's renowned Executive Head Chef Pascal Proyart. What's more, the winner and their guest will have the opportunity to sample Proyart's celebrated cuisine in One-O-One, the hotel's award-winning fish and seafood restaurant. Dinner for two will include an aperitif each, three courses and accompanying wines.

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EDITOR'S PICK OF THE MONTH

Angel's finest buys

LOCAL LUXE

Looking to streamline your time? Then this sleek watch by AARK from OPUMO may be just the thing for the timely gentleman. We love this watch that perfectly combines design, functionality and aesthetics, priced at £260.

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Ideal for the perfect family gathering, Wedgwood's latest Butterfly Bloom puts the dining table at the heart of your celebrations. Beautiful fine bone china at its very best, £35.

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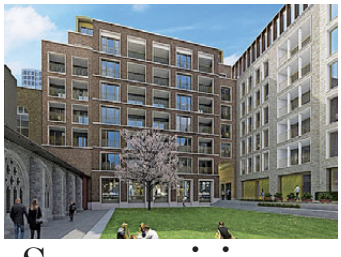
'Reiki' from the Hanami couture collection from Freya Rose has over 800 pearls hand embroidered into French chantilly lace and a heel inlaid with Mother of Pearl. Quite literally a jewel of a buy, from £695-£1,245.

✤ See more at freyarose.com



Square vision

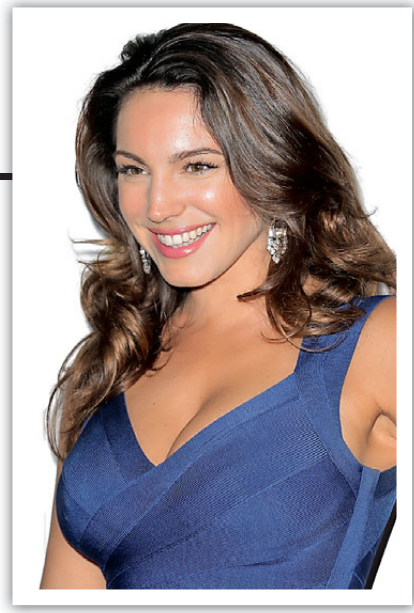
Sheppard Robson, Maccreanor Lavington and Piercy&Company have revealed detailed façade designs for buildings located within Barts Square – a new urban, 3.2 acre mixed use quarter in the Smithfield Conservation Area. The final project will consist of 17 buildings providing 215 residential apartments, 23,000 foot squared net of Grade A office space and circa 25,000 foot squared of retail and café/restaurant use.

140 million reasons

Mount Carmel has been transformed thanks to new build work as part of Islington's £140m Building Schools for the Future programme

The curtain rises

Sad as we are that Peter Glanville is leaving the post, we are delighted to hear that the Little Angel Theatre have appointed their new Artistic Director, Adam Bennett (right), who will also take up the position of Chief Executive from this month. Adam is one of the founders of DNA Puppetry and Visual Theatre and has worked as a puppeteer and deviser for over 20 years, touring productions across the world. He says: 'I'm looking forward to continuing to increase innovation and excellence, attracting the best artists worldwide, honouring the traditions of the 50 year history and the amazingly talented artists who have contributed to making this theatre great, and collaborating with an engaged public on the development of a vibrant and relevant artistic programme.' The theatre is in safe hands.



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A head of Steam

Kelly Brook and Nick House have teamed up to take over the Old Bank of New York to deliver an out-of-this-world restaurant and nightlife experience called Steam & Rye on Leadenhall Street. As expected, it was a star-studded launch that showed off the 1920s Gatsby theme, mechanical bull, suspended dancers, living clock and, yes, a steam train.

There's a 1920s Gatsby theme, mechanical bull, living clock and a steam train

BOOK OF THE MONTH

The Way the Hammer Falls by M.B.Keegan

We have to admit, we were originally drawn to this book thanks to the cover – after all, it does feature a road sign with the postcode N1 plastered on it – but having read it, we see a new talent emerging in the publishing industry. Based in Islington in 1997, it focuses on Richard Carter, who has been a junior negotiator in the offices of Cres Williams estate agents for five years.

Building on what he learnt, Richard breaks away to form his own agency, angering his former employers in the process. So begins a cut-throat competition that is tracked across a decade that sees house prices skyrocket as high as the two firms' rivalry.

M.B.Keegan is an Islington local, but also spent many years as an estate agent in the area, so draws on past experience – and you can tell from his rich use of language. For anyone with an interest in London property – or if you simply enjoy a good read – make sure you check out this thrilling tale.

✤ Available to buy now from amazon.co.uk, priced at £8.91 (paperback)

Dive in

The first stage of a major refurbishment at Cally Pool has been completed, with the full renovation on track to be unveiled in January 2014 as planned. The work is part of the £350,000 upgrade to the facilities at Cally Pool, funded by Sport England and Islington Council.

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Rosie Millard

How being mugged reaffirmed a love and admiration for the people of Islington

My month

✤ My love affair with 171 Spa on Upper Street continues apace. Now I go there for, oh, everything. I was almost tempted to take my duvet in there and bed down for the night. Hair, nails, waxing. One stop shop.

✤ Although I'm not so happy about Caravan in King's Cross. Very successful. Too successful frankly. Not enough staff and not enough attention to me having a breakfast meeting. So it took 45 minutes for my porridge to arrive. Not good.

✤ The new football pitches on York Way are also a bit off. They have all been beautifully done, except for one crucial thing and that is the surface is unplayable, being, er, concrete. What about our small boys, guys? Diving onto that to make a save is not going to do their fat knees any good, is it?

This is the last thing I shall write about being mugged outside my house in lovely Islington. Yes, up until that moment, I had never been mugged before, born and bred in London, pretty confident sort of person, happened in broad daylight and all that. Still, these things happen.

My phone was grabbed out of my hand. Actually, it wasn't even grabbed. It was gently lifted, almost politely in fact, by a not very young (but very thin) male mugger. The mugger (clearly an amateur, he wasn't even on a skateboard, let alone a bike) was however apprehended by yours truly, via the age-old technique of hanging onto his sleeve and yelling, loudly in his face. Works for children, works for muggers. Anyway, it did with him.

I continued to yell, pausing only for breath, and then carrying right on again. It was the only weapon I had and it was rather effective. My neighbour, who told me he was upstairs in a room doing his yoga (which I feel is a crucial piece of information as it locates the event so perfectly in N1), says that the longer the noise went on, the more anxious it became. And in these terraced squares, you know, the acoustics are just amazing.

The mugger, possibly alarmed, stood stock still and stared at me. Then after a crucial six seconds or so, he pulled his arm away, pushed me into a bush (lavender, according to the Daily Mail, who weren't present, but never mind) and scarpered, dropping the phone. Because over my shoulder he had seen what I hadn't, namely the park warden charging over towards him, calling the police as she approached. Who came scorching round the corner in no more than 90 seconds, along with about 12 of my concerned neighbours, some of whom were in pyjamas. Meanwhile, some other Islington Council workers jumped into a van and took chase. The mugger, possibly deafened by my yelling, got away, but I got my phone back.

Rosie doesn't doubt Islington locals come together to help one of their own

> Has it made me a lot more confident that we in the capital are a caring, sharing bunch (that is, those of us who are not muggers)? Yes, indeed it has

What conclusions can I draw for you from this unsavoury episode? That you never know how you are going to react to something untoward and unpleasant like this, but having a loud voice is certainly an advantage. That it is dumb to walk around texting, even in the rain, with your phone in the palm of your hand. But that on the positive side, Islington Council employs some rather brilliant, brave and diligent park wardens and other members of staff who think nothing of helping anyone in distress. That the police are pretty sharp around here, and that actually good old N1 is very neighbourly indeed. Even though it is the second most likely place for your phone to get stolen (the first being in Manchester).

Has it made me a bit more wary about using my phone around town? Yes. Has it made me a lot more confident about assuring non-Londoners that we in the capital are a caring, sharing bunch (that is, those of us who are not muggers), and that our police do turn up swiftly. Yes indeed, it has. We may look forbidding, but underneath it, we all love one another, at least we do in Islington.

✤ Agree with Rosie? Share your thoughts on this column at twitter.com/angelmag

Islington's movers and shakers

Who will be the next big face springing up in N1, from the world of sport to fashion? Mark Kebble looks at the 14 names to watch this New Year

Photo: Joe Lord

GEORGE KEAN

He's only had one professional fight – two by the time you read this magazine – but 'Gorgeous' George Kean looks like an old hand at the media game. The 22-year-old is cool, calm and collected during our shoot at the Times ABC gym in N1, and says all the right things during our interview. No surprise he has already been compared to the great Ricky Hatton.

'I absolutely love it,' he insists on the comparison. 'I am enjoying the journey as a professional fighter – both in and out of the ring. I love all this, speaking to the fans, doing everything that a professional boxer does, and always learning. My style is moulded on watching Ricky Hatton – I aim to please when I am in the ring.'

It's astonishing to think that the Islington local, born and bred, only took up boxing at 15, following in the footsteps of his father, brother and cousin. Initially he wasn't interested in boxing as he 'was a football man', but when his siblings stopped, he was the one Kean who kept going. 'Even to this day they can't believe I still do it,' he grins. 'It's weird I am here and this is now all I know.'

Seven years on from picking up a taste for the ring and George is now one of the hottest prospects in boxing. You can tell he takes his whole sporting life seriously and stepping up from amateur to pro hasn't knocked him off his feet. 'It's the right time,' he asserts. 'Staying amateur was losing sight of my whole dream of being a world champion. I didn't start boxing to be an amateur champion, I started boxing to be a world champion.' Judging by the hype, he may not have to wait too long.

✤ Watch George Kean on BoxNation (Sky Ch. 437/ Virgin Ch. 546) – join at boxnation.com

MILO CRADDOCK

Islington local Milo Craddock recently reached the final of the 2013 Strider British Balance Bike Championship, coming a respectable sixth out of around 50 participants. It took place up in Manchester at the National Cycling Centre, the home of British cycling. Oh, and he is three-years-old.

'He has been on a little tricycle since he could walk,' his mother Paula Chin explains. 'For his second birthday we bought him a Balance Bike and he took to it very well. Obviously around London there are plenty of places to cycle, but we went down to a cycle park in Kent one day and saw an ad for a Balance Bike Championship and thought don't be silly, but then we considered some more and thought why not…'

Now at the grand old age of three, has Paula considered her son could be the next Bradley Wiggins? 'I haven't, but people around us have!' she laughs. 'At the moment he enjoys it, so I would hate for it to become a chore. If he continues to show a real skill for it, then maybe… But he is three-years-old!' Paula exclaims. 'It's more important he learns to read and write. It's great he has a talent for being sporty, but he will go through so many phases enjoying different things. Let him experience those and see what makes him tick in life.' In the meantime, watch out. 'He is now on a pedal bike, with no balancers and no stabilizers, and he is terrorizing pedestrians around Islington!'

The Angel resident LOVES

ANYA SUSHKO

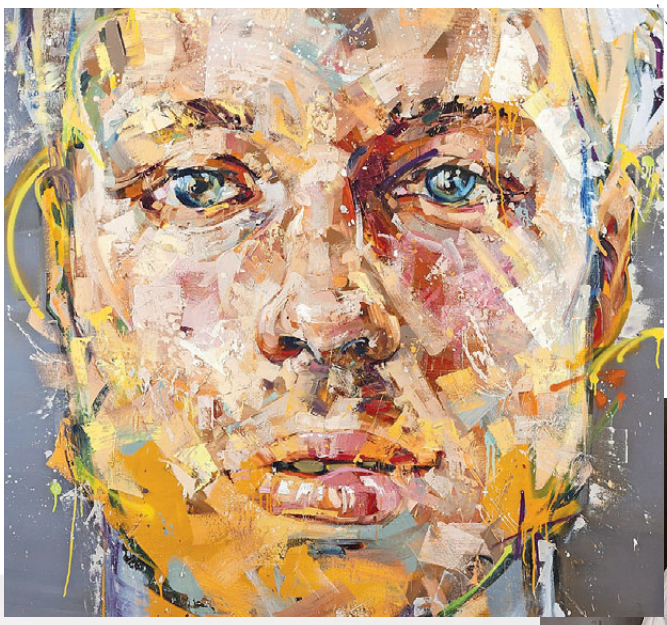
The former Alexander McQueen couture assistant and Central St Martin's graduate is causing quite a stir with her handcrafted handbags, made using the finest materials and resulting in an unmatched attention to detail. The handbags stand out with their quality and striking shapes, designed to be as practical as they are beautiful. The local resident tells us more…

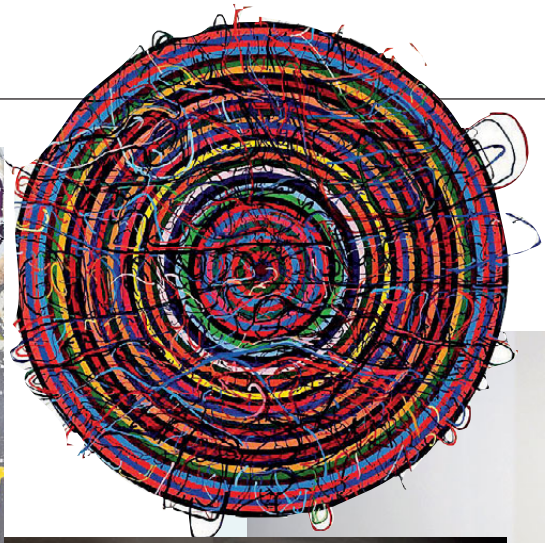
What inspired you to start your own brand of luxury women's leather handbags?
Since I was a little girl, I have always had a flair for the creative arts. In 2001, I moved to London and was accepted into Central St Martin's and realised that fashion was my true passion and continued studying at the London College of Fashion. Being very ambitious, I decided to start my own brand as soon as I graduated and following my experience at Alexander McQueen's London studio. Quality is extremely important to me and I like to think of myself as a perfectionist. Therefore, I chose to specialise in one thing, but to do it to the best of my ability: to create luxury, bespoke, unique handbags.

Where does your inspiration come from?
I draw inspiration from the surrounding world – the dynamic of life in London, nature, the human body and architecture, which had a profound impact on my early work.

What's planned for 2014?
There are quite a few interesting projects that are lined up. I have collaboration plans with Bag Servant, the ultimate handbag destination and one-stop-shop for handbags. We are in the middle of some amazing projects, with a planned launch in early 2014. I would love to see my bags in more boutiques and countries and, more importantly, worn by stylish, cosmopolitan women everywhere!

✤ To see Anya Sushko's latest range, visit anyasushko.com





Pictured clockwise from top left: Andrew Salgado, Subject, 2011; Atsuko Tanaka, 93G, 1993; Scott Carter, Departing from the Rules of Harmony, 2011; Maisie Broadhead, Keep Them Sweet, 2011

Want to know who the next big thing in the art world will be? You will get a pretty good indication at the London Art Fair, which always kicks off 2014 in fine style at the Business Design Centre. Now into its 26th year, the fair continues to push the boundaries and we expect more of the same for 2014.

The London Art Fair runs from 15-19 January at the Business Design Centre – full listings information can be found at londonartfair.co.uk

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THE HABERDASHERY

You know you are onto something special when you spend half an interview talking about the building that houses a coffee shop with a difference. 'When we started to take down layers from the wall we uncovered these amazing Art Nouveau late Victorian tiles,' recounts Massimo Bergamin enthusiastically. 'Now those tiles are the talking point of Stoke Newington – everybody comes in just to look at them.'

Massimo is one half of The Haberdashery team, alongside Greg Vukasovic, who launched in Crouch End four years ago and immediately won over locals and those much further afield. A real community hub – when I first visited them, there was a discussion group in full flow – they also made a name for themselves thanks to their delicious and fresh seasonal food, drink and bakery items.

After such success, it was time for The Haberdashery: Part Two. 'We didn't want to just open for the sake of it,' points out Massimo. 'We wanted to find a place that was in an area we both liked.' That area was Stoke Newington and they will be bringing exactly the same ethos that made its N8 sibling such a success. So expect music events, exhibitions, the popular Supper Club and much more in the way of community involvement. 'I am a great believer that if something works, you don't change it that much – you just make it better,' says Massimo. Expect something special.

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There was something rather emotional about watching the young drama enthusiasts out performing at the N1 Centre in early October (below). They were from True Stars Academy, set up by Islington actress Brooke Kinsella. I interviewed Brooke seven years ago, when she was harbouring ambitions of opening up her own theatre school. 'Then we lost Ben,' she reflects.

The murder of her brother Ben Kinsella shocked Islington and beyond. Brooke poured her energy into an anti-knife campaign and set up The Ben Kinsella Trust, going on to be awarded an MBE. 'My life took a completely different direction for a couple of years,' she tells me. 'It was only when everything started to calm down that I could look at my life again. Now I truly know that life is too short.'

So Brooke followed her dream and opened True Stars Academy in 2010, run in an Islington church hall and providing a base for 6-16-year-olds to develop as individuals and grow in confidence thanks to the performing arts. 'Yes it's difficult to follow as a career, but the actual effect of drama can help you in any kind of career,' Brooke says. 'One Saturday between 10-1 these kids are having fun, learning something and making best friends.'

Brooke – who is 'principal, agent, drama teacher, costume maker' at True Stars Academy – tells me how they started with 25 kids, but already have 80 involved, and in January they will launch their adult academy. Alongside this, Brooke's own acting career continues apace and Ben still plays a very important part, with a new exhibition about his story currently on show at Millwall FC. 'I'm very proud of my brother,' Brooke says.

✤ Find out more at uk.truestarsacademy.com

ISLINGTON GIVING

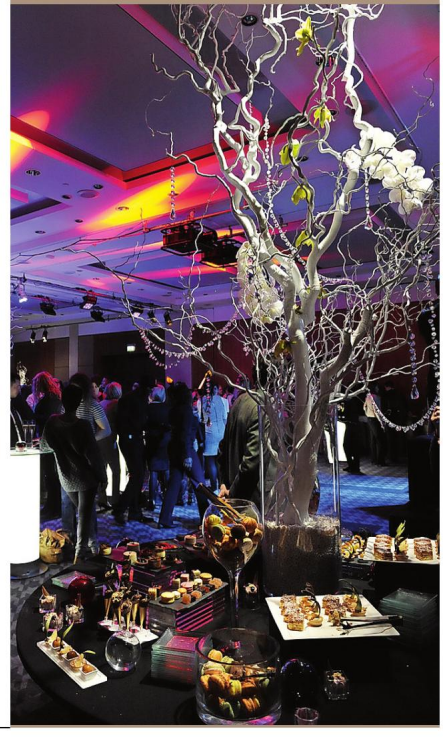
Yes, we are biased as we have been supporting this charity since last summer, but after an amazing 2013, the New Year promises to be even bigger and better for Islington Giving. First up is their partnership with Arsenal FC, which we covered back in the November issue. Islington Giving Week returns on 9-15 June, they continue to be one of the Mayor of Islington's chosen charities along with Freightliners Farm, and they have been working with the new Lord Mayor, Fiona Woolf, on the idea of expanding the concept of Islington Giving to other areas of London. They deserve all the plaudits that are coming their way.

✤ See how you can get involved by visiting islingtongiving.org.uk

KING'S CROSS

Never have I encountered an area that appears to regenerate more than Doctor Who: every time I visit, something new has cropped up. There are already fabulous restaurants, bars, entertainment hubs and trendy office complexes, and now Pullman London St Pancras has officially launched with Pullman Artnight (pictured below), showcasing its final design, state-of-the-art services and contemporary art collection. A year-long journey in the making, the now complete Pullman London St Pancras is a European flagship for the global brand, adding to the host of luxury hotels already here. Think we will grab some lunch at the Grain Store to mull it all over.

✤ For more information on Pullman London St Pancras, visit pullmanhotels.com



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www.roh.org.uk/whale

TICKETS

Linbury Studio Theatre Previews:
£20 | £12.50 | £10 students and under-16s | £7 standing

Performances:
£25 | £15 | £12 students and under-16s
£8 standing

Photo: Tom Dunkley

THE PROUD ARCHIVIST

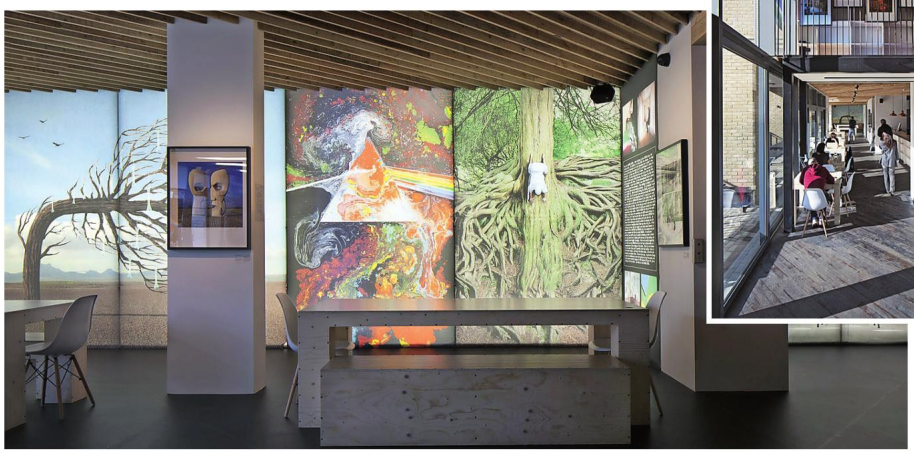
Take a look at the listings for The Proud Archivist at the time of my interview with the founder, Hector Proud. The Gathering Storm – The Album Art of Storm Thorgerson; Wonderwool – Craft and Cocktails; Yoga Pub Dating; Mark Mason's Really Good Quiz; Tick Tock – Music for Under 5s… All within seven days.

'It's a case of creating a place that was inclusive above anything else,' says Hector on the diversity found in the events at Islington's newest artistic hub. 'At Idea Generation we tried to tell a story and bring in a narrative. That attraction, that spirit to entice people with a passion for something – and we found a place to extend on that.'

Idea Generation Gallery was always a centre of cool, playing host to the great and the good, but two years ago the team were left needing a new home. 'We have spent those two years building up for this,' Hector says on the new canal-side venue. 'There have been a couple of midnight sweats about if it would really work, but by and large it's been phenomenally successful in that the space works. People like the idea of it being a gallery and café, with an intimate library space upstairs, and then an open feasting area to eat and drink together.'

Having been involved in the London cultural scene for over two decades – his brother, Alex, is also an entrepreneur of major standing up in Camden – Hector knows what works. 'I don't think anywhere in the world comes close to London,' he says on the scene here. 'Any Londoner is a lucky person.' And it looks like getting even better, especially with Hector's plans for 2014 bubbling away. 'There will be a festival of cheese, a lot of exhibitions, a lot of comedy, and I want to pull together all the people down by the canal, get 15 venues to join together and collaborate, holding mini festivals.' One to watch certainly, if you can keep up.

✤ 2 Hertford Street N1 5ET; 020 7749 6852; theproudarchivist.co.uk



CLARISSA HULSE SHOP

Talk about us feeling smug… Clarissa Hulse, one of the leading lights of the British textile world, has opened her first UK shop right here in North London. Known for producing beautiful and luxurious home accessories, wallpapers and fabrics, and selling in high end stores such as Heal's, House of Fraser, John Lewis, Liberty and Selfridges – as well as across the world – we now can just take a stroll up the road to see why her name has become so respected in the textile industry.

✤ 29 Corsica Street N5 1JT; 020 7226 7055; clarissahulse.com

ASA BUTTERFIELD

It's hard to believe that Asa Butterfield – star of *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*, *Hugo* and the recent box office smash *Ender's Game* – is just 14 years of age. With a string of big name movies under his belt, and more on the horizon, this young Islington star is going places – and fast. He picked up the acting bug aged seven when he went to local club, The Young Actor's Theatre. Fast forward seven years and he is currently in cinemas in *Ender's Game*, playing a young boy enlisted to save the planet against insect-type aliens. Did we mention he's just 14-years-old?

Elisabetta, photo courtesy of markbothwell.com

WEDDINGS

Islington remains the go-to place for all happy couples preparing for their big day. We have featured Mirror Mirror, Angelica Bridal and Morgan Davies London within these very pages, and also Lucy Tammam, who I interviewed ahead of her first atelier opening in King's Cross.

Today, Atelier Tammam is at the forefront of a new kind of fashion, a traditional way to dress but for modern intelligent women, offering bespoke couture services with a story behind every garment, fabric and detail. The Tammam label has been developing lots of new sustainable luxurious materials for their bespoke bridal and evening wear collections (see right).

But it's not only fashion where Islington's connection with weddings is flourishing. Abigail Bloom, based in King's Cross, has recently been shortlisted in a national wedding awards scheme. Her high end boutique cake company is now a preferred supplier to The Waldorf, The Berkeley, The Connaught and Cliveden House Hotel.

✤ To contact Atelier Tammam, call 020 7617 7512 or visit tammam.co.uk; for The Abigail Bloom Company, call 020 7278 0835 or visit theabigailbloomcakecompany.com

ST JOHN STREET

Is there anything this road that stretches from Angel to Clerkenwell can't offer? We have already covered the likes of Turner & George and Foxlow opening, but it appears to be a property hotspot too. 'It comes as no surprise that the street has long been a favourite amongst buyers,' says Nick Moore of Knight Frank Islington.

'St John Street's close proximity to the City has kept the market for flats in this area extremely buoyant. Such is the demand for properties in the area that Knight Frank recently sold 107 luxury apartments in Clerkenwell Quarter, finding buyers for the last remaining unit in September, just three months after the launch. We are currently selling a stunning boutique development of flats and townhouses on Garrett Street, a short distance from St John Street, with just 13 units.' Best get in quick.

ALMEIDA THEATRE

We profiled the new Artistic Director, Rupert Goold, last issue and 2014's schedule is being kept hush, hush – but the fact the Almeida Theatre is presenting a new adaptation of George Orwell's *1984* in February (pic below) suggests they are setting their stall very high. We wait with bated breath (and will prepare to get into the very lengthy queue for tickets).

Discover the newly refurbished HILTON LONDON ISLINGTON, situated in the heart of fashionable Islington, yet remaining in close proximity to central London, striking a perfect balance whether you are looking to stay for leisure or business.

After a £5.2 million refurbishment, completed in September 2013, the hotel offers 190 refurbished bedrooms and suites with a sleek, sophisticated design. The new Executive rooms include access to the brand new Executive Lounge, where guests can enjoy complimentary breakfast, Wi-Fi, soft drinks and snacks throughout the day.

Hilton London Islington is just 5 minutes' walk from Angel tube station and one stop from Kings Cross St. Pancras Station, making it an ideal location to connect to Eurostar and Europe. Located right next door to the Business Design Centre and just a few minutes' drive away from the Emirates Stadium, the hotel offers an ideal venue for those attending a conference or event.

Book the new "Angel" Afternoon Tea at the Axis Bar & Kitchen restaurant of the hotel for only £17, 50 per person or upgrade it with a glass of Bubbly for £21, 50 per person.

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essential STYLE

Edited by Shona Wallace

NEW YEAR KNITS

The start of 2014 gives you the ideal opportunity to revamp your wardrobe with a few staple knits. Firstly, add a preppy touch to your look with this collared sweater from Jaeger (£99; jaeger.co.uk). Pair with a pleated skirt for work and Whistles leather pants for the weekend. Complete your New Year knitwear revamp with a statement sweatshirt like this pretty pearl embellished style at Zara (£35.99; zara.com).

Hobbs No 1 Collection Alexandra Spot Sweater, £179, worn over Alexandra Roll Neck, £159, 296 Upper Street N1 2TU; 020 7354 2305; hobbs.co.uk

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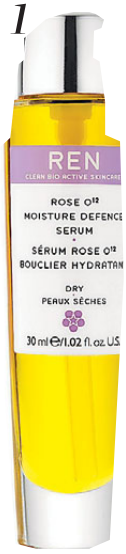
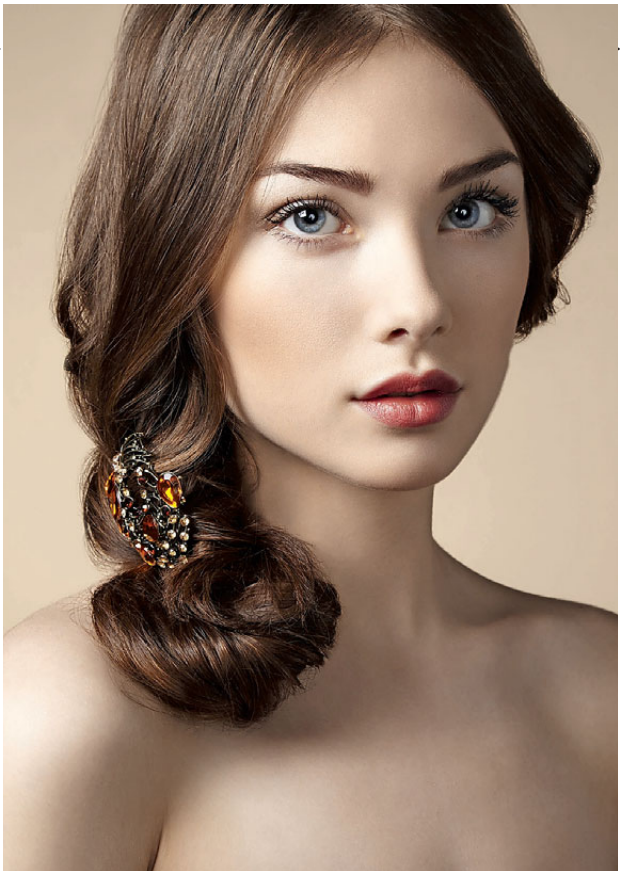
THREE'S A TREND

Serum saviours

If winter chills and the New Year festivities have taken their toll on your complexion, an intensive serum is your one-stop solution. We're big fans of the ultra-moisturising **Rose Synergy O12 Restoring Facial Serum by Ren, £42** (1), that's best for dry and dehydrated skin (available at Space NK, spacenk.com). Gently resurfacing to promote healthier cells, **Clinique's Pore Refining Solutions Serum, £53** (2), smoothes away rough patches for a flawless finish (available at John Lewis, johnlewis.com). If it's an anti-ageing solution you're after, **Clarins' New Double Serum, £55** (3), is an innovative, two-phase formula rich in plant extracts that targets all aspects of skin ageing (available at Clarins counters and clarins.co.uk).





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Beauty NEWS

Sleek chic

For a different take on the sophisticated ballerina buns and twists popularised by this winter's Hitchcock heroine trend, say hello to the asymmetrical side-do. Prep hair with **Toni & Guy's Heat Protection Mist, £6.39**, tong into big waves with the **BaByliss Curl Secret Styler, £119.99**, coil loosely to one side, tucking stray ends under, and secure. Finish with a fine coat of hairspray.

✤ Both available at Boots, boots.com

LOCAL LUXE

SALON REVIEW

Cheeky Parlour & Neville Barber

If you're out and about in Shoreditch and fancy a his and hers treat, I recommend the new Cheeky Parlour and Neville Barber at Shoreditch House. In the coolest salon we've seen in a long time, I got a great blow dry using the new Cheeky range of hair products, while my boyfriend had a traditional haircut and beard trim complete with hot towels using the new Neville range of men's grooming products. Both treatments were superb and we ended the day with a drink in the bar upstairs. *(Vicky Mayer)*

✤ Prices start from £12 – shoreditchhouse.com; 020 7749 4545

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FILM

12 YEARS A SLAVE

This adaptation of the 1853 autobiography, *Twelve Years a Slave* by Solomon Northup, is building up the awards hype for its riveting depiction of a tough subject matter. Oozing an A-list cast list, including Brad Pitt and Benedict Cumberbatch, the film is being compared to such cinematic greats as *Schindler's List*. The film maps the story of Solomon Northup (Chiwetel Ejiofor), a free black man living in New York in 1841 and earning his living as a successful violinist, until he is mercilessly drugged and sold into slavery. The film shows the abusive and harrowing daily torments of the slave trade in America at this time, until a twist sheds a ray of light…

✤ See it from 10 January at Vue Cinema, 36 Parkfield Street N1 0PS; 0781 224 0240; myvue.com

Local LIFE

SCULPTURE

Giorgio de Chirico

The Estorick Collection of Modern Italian Art presents an exhibition exploring the mysterious world of metaphysical painter, Giorgio de Chirico, opening on 15 January. Although mainly known for his painting, sculpture was always a source of interest for de Chirico who declared that 'to be really immortal a work of art must go beyond the limits of the human'.

✤ 39a Canonbury Square N1 2AN; 020 7704 9522; estorickcollection.com

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FASHION

THE LONDON TEXTILE FAIR

Following hot on the heels of the London Art Fair, the Business Design Centre plays host once again to the London Textile Fair from 22-23 January. Back for a fourth time, the fair showcases pre-collection ranges from over 250 exhibitors, and allows manufacturers and their agents the opportunity to showcase their products to Europe's leading buyers.

✤ Find out more by visiting thelondontextilefair.co.uk

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EVENT

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London International Mime Festival

The 38th London International Mime Festival returns to London from 8 January-1 February. Compagnie Non Nova/Phia Ménard opens this year's festival at The Platform Theatre, King's Cross, with two productions in its own custom-built, circular arena. L'Après Midi d'un Foehn is an exquisite dance for airborne plastic bag 'ballerinas' to music by Debussy. Vortex (pictured above), its much darker companion piece, explores identity and pulls us directly into the eye of the hurricane.

At The Pit, Barbican, France's Man Drake brings an extraordinary piece of physical storytelling about a tense ménage a trois, based on actual events. From Italy, Città di Ebla's The Dead uses movement and real-time photography in a show inspired by James Joyce's 1914 novella of the same name. Look out for further shows at Jacksons Lane, Leicester Square Theatre and The Southbank Centre. This festival always starts the New Year with a bang.

✤ Full listings information can be found at mimelondon.com

EXHIBITION

Leo Fitzmaurice

Gallery S O presents *Post Match*, a project that has been in the works for a decade. Rather than focusing upon a particular mode or form, Leo Fitzmaurice starts with an observation centred on the every day, developing a response of work that lies somewhere between sculpture, craft and the activity of collecting. The work retains an odd sense of relevance and speaks of our culture's burgeoning consumption of entertainment.

✤ Until 26 January at Gallery S O, 92 Brick Lane E1 6RL; 020 7377 8008; galleryso.com

THEATRE

3 of the best... Barbican New Year shows

1 On 24 January, the Barbican and the BBC Symphony Orchestra present the world premiere performance of Max Richter's 2001 debut album, *Memoryhouse*. An homage to Europe and the haunting power of memories, the production announces Richter (pictured below) as a major talent, showcasing his innovative synthesis of contemporary classical music and electronics.

2 For one night only, on 26 January, the Barbican plays host to the Irish singer/songwriter James Vincent McMorrow. After shooting to fame in 2010 with his debut album, *Early in the Morning*, McMorrow is returning to the Barbican with material from his new album, *Post Tropical*. A collection of meticulously crafted songs featuring his idiosyncratic falsetto, with a nourishing texture of sounds and melodies from soaring brass to looped pianos, this is the coming of age for the talented musician.

3 However, before both of the above events take to the Barbican stage, make sure you put 18 January in the diary. This will be a celebration of the 30th anniversary of the wonderful Crouch End Festival Chorus, with the company bringing us the world premiere of Murray Gold's *When my brother fell into the river…* Gold, who has composed music for *Doctor Who*, uses the music of David Bedford and King Crimson's Robert Fripp to create a theatrical tone of the psychedelic 1970s.

✤ For information on all events, visit barbican.org.uk or call 020 7382 2389

Sleeping Beauty in the Wood

This puppet-centred approach to a modern day revival of the Brothers Grimm fairytale is sure to be a dreamlike and magical adaptation of the story of Briar Rose. The production promises to conjure up a fantastical world of palaces and forests, ogres and fairies, princes and babes, and is suitable for anyone over the age of three.

✤ From 15 January at the Little Angel Theatre, 14 Dagmar Passage N1 2DN; 020 7226 1787; littleangeltheatre.com

BOOK NOW FOR FEBRUARY

As a celebration of their 10th anniversary, United Visual Arts present their new show, *Momentum*, opening on 13 February at The Curve, Barbican. The show highlights the beauty of light, sound and music. Drawing on physics and digital technology, UVA use pendulums – sometimes moving in unexpected ways – to project shadows and planes of light across the six metre high walls of studio, turning The Curve into a spatial instrument.

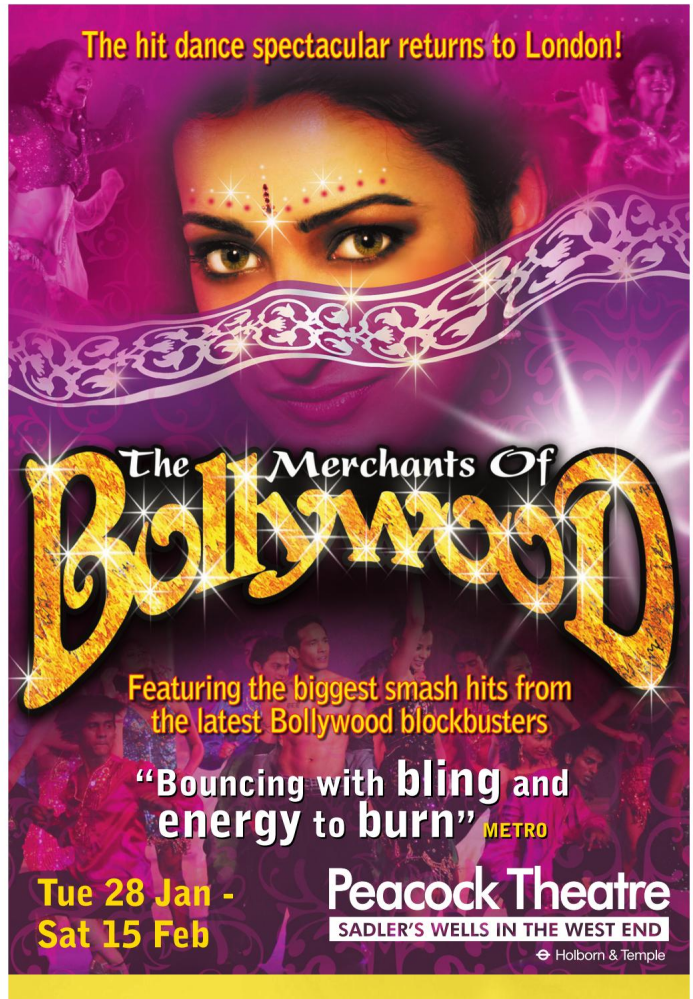
✤ Silk Street EC2Y 8DS; 020 7382 2389; barbican.org.uk

Top West End director and choreographer, Anthony Van Last, brings the international street dance craze, *Blaze*, to the Peacock Theatre after recently finishing a successful world tour. The show features music by Michael Jackson, Lady Gaga, Kanye West and many more and takes the raw energy of street dance and combines it with high-end production. The show runs from 18 February-8 March.

✤ Portugal Street WC2A 2HT; 0844 871 0091; sadlerswells.com

The Pleasance Islington's work in progress season returns in the New Year, with gigs throughout February to brighten up those cold, damp evenings. Highlights for us? On 5 February, Tim FitzHigham brings his world renowned eccentricity to town, and also look out for Mark Watson on 10 February, the new show from a man who has won a number of comedy shows, but has had a number of problems along the way.

✤ Carpenter Mews, North Road N7 9EF; 020 7609 1800; pleasance.co.uk



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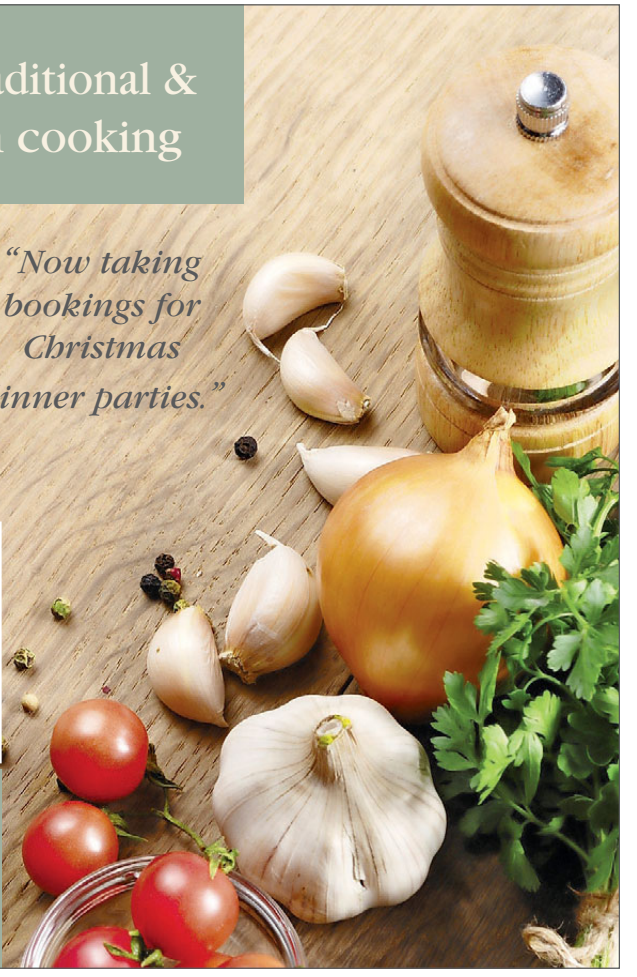

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In my kitchen

Simon Prideaux, VQ

Why did you choose Great Russell Street as the location for your second 24-hour diner, following on from Chelsea?
In order to remain open overnight we require a full Late Night Refreshment Licence. Along with wanting to be as close to the West End as possible, we needed to pinpoint a location where we stood the best chance of obtaining this licence. Having spoken to a number of local authorities Camden became the focus area.

What differences from the Chelsea outlet can we expect?
VQ Bloomsbury is twice the size with 120 covers and has a bar area, which we don't have in Chelsea. The design is different as we didn't want to take a 'cookie cutter' approach, but it still feels very much part of the same family.

What can we expect from the food menu?
The core menu is well established and there are many firm favourites – eggs Benedict, club sandwich, fish and chips – but we've added some classic dishes like bubble n' squeak, chicken Milanese and chilli con carne, which are proving extremely popular. We have an eclectic menu so that most tastes are satisfied whatever time of day or night.

✤ 111A Great Russell Street WC1B 3NQ; vq24hours.com

VQ Bloomsbury comes replete with a new design concept

Gourmet NEWS

EMBRACE THE DARK

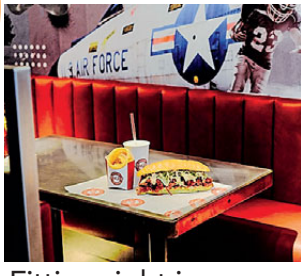
January may be a miserable month, but cheer yourself up by enjoying the dark culinary arts at Hoxley & Porter, causing quite a stir in N1.

✤ 153 Upper N1 1RA; 020 7226 1375

Young at Heal's

Camden Passage favourite Paul a. Young has announced the opening of his fourth London chocolaterie, at Heal's flagship store on Tottenham Court Road. For the first time, Paul a. Young customers will be able to sit down and enjoy his creations in store.

✤ See more at paulayoung.co.uk



Fitting right in

Yes, January may be the time everyone decides to shape up, but we like to ignore that – particularly when we have new joints opening on our patch like Red Dog American Sandwiches. Expect Tom Brooke's authentic take on an American classic: the humble, hearty and delicious sub. The menu features 15 hot and cold subs, four dogs, a handful of sides, salads and desserts, and plenty of drink to wash it all down. Put that diet on hold.

✤ 37a Hoxton Square N1 6NN; 020 3701 3801; reddogamericansandwiches.co.uk

TOM'S CHOICE

ONES TO WATCH

'I hate the idea of culinary fashion,' states Tom Parker Bowles, 'but 2014 is laden with restaurants opening. I still believe that the capital is the best place on earth to eat.' Here's three local stars and their 2014 plans:

Alan Yau
There are great restaurateurs who are constantly expanding their empires. This is no bad thing as we, the punter, are the grinning beneficiaries. Alan Yau, the genius behind Hakkasan, Yauatcha and Angel's Naamyaa Cafe, is opening Duck and Rice, a Chinese gastropub, in Soho, plus the more upmarket Chinois. The man rarely puts a foot wrong.

Sam and Eddie Hart
We've all been waiting with bated breath, and rumbling bellies, for the second branch of the Hart brothers' Barrafina restaurant. The original, in Soho, is utterly sublime and unforgettable, cooking up some of the best Spanish food you'll eat absolutely anywhere in the world. The new branch opens next year in Covent Garden. Cause for celebration indeed.

Des McDonald
Ex-Caprice Holdings' head honcho is following up the success of The Fish and Chip Shop on Upper Street by opening a new place, Q Grill, in Camden. A few years back, those of us craving proper American barbeque had to go hungry, living on smoke tinged memories of the real thing. Then Pitt Cue came along – let's hope that Q Grill is just as good.

Eat like royalty

Lakshmi Narayanan starts 2014 with a visit to one of Islington's best-kept secrets, The Duchess of Kent

LOCAL LUXE

A cosy fireplace, well-stocked bookshelves and comfortable leather couches can be found at The Duchess of Kent, an unassuming gastropub tucked away from the hustle and bustle of Islington. At a time when people seek something new, it's comforting to kick back with a feeling of familiarity.

I'm here with an old school friend and, to kick off the night, we ask our waiter for a red wine recommendation and he points out a Louis Latour Pinot Noir, likening its tasting notes to 'manure'. After exchanging some dubious glances, we decide to give it a go and after a few sips agree that it does possess a certain rustic quality.

We find the dinner menu simple with a good range of seasonal dishes like golden beetroot and parmesan tart that comes with a fresh side salad and sweet chilli jam. The tart crust itself is fantastic, having all the elements

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of pastry gone right – crumbliness, a buttery taste and a lovely golden exterior. The beer battered courgette flower stuffed with goat's cheese and red onion sounds amazing, but doesn't quite hit the mark, which is a shame – with a little less batter, it could have really lived up to its name.

The mains, however, do impress. I order a pan-fried salmon with crispy skin that's cooked and seasoned perfectly, and my friend happily gets stuck into a plate of sticky barbeque ribs and skinny fries. The desserts are a little hit and miss. The apple crumble is a touch too sour and comes with some unwelcome cherry friends, but the sticky toffee pudding with a dollop of vanilla ice cream is right on point. Old favourites and comfort food – we head home two very satisfied customers.

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✤ Game for a laugh

In addition to serving up some tasty pub grub, The Duchess of Kent hosts a variety of events during the week to mix things up. There are burger nights, board game nights, lazy Sunday dinners and match days where you can watch Arsenal (or your favourite team) while enjoying a local brew. Check out their website for the latest events diary.

Make it at home

Lamb, olive and artichoke stew

Ingredients

1 leg of lamb, boned and cut into one inch pieces
150ml olive oil
1 tablespoon tomato puree
440g chopped tomatoes
1 bunch flat leaf parsley
2 bay leaves
1 large glass of white wine
300ml vegetable stock
20-30 kalamata olives (pitted)
400g fresh artichoke
Zest and juice of two lemons

Stew base

3 onions, finely chopped
2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
2 carrots, finely chopped
2 celery sticks, finely chopped

Method

1. In a large pan, fry the lamb using 3 tablespoons of olive oil until brown. Drain, remove from the pan and set aside.
2. Poor the fat from the pan, add the rest of the oil and stew base. Then sweat for about 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.
3. Add the puree, tomatoes, parsley stalks, the lamb, wine and half the stock. Cover and simmer for about 50 minutes. Don't forget to stir.
4. Now you can add artichokes, olives, and the rest of the parsley. Simmer for another 10 minutes, add lemon zest and juice and serve. Add salt and pepper to taste.

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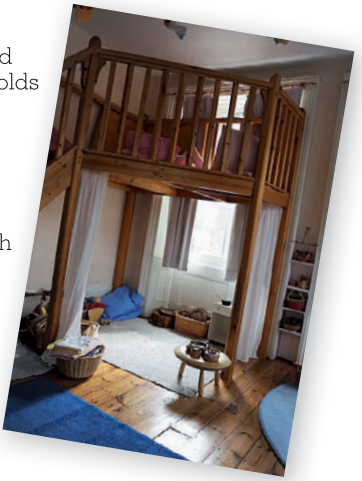

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Just Juniors

EDITOR'S CHOICE THREE FOR KIDS' ACTIVITIES

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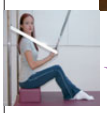

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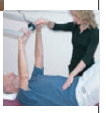

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Health & fitness NEWS

Fighting fit at home

A new range of DVDs from fitness fx will banish any lingering thoughts of celebrities jumping around in skimpy outfits. Their DVDs have become hugely popular with those determined to take a serious approach to shaping up. Different choices include fight fx, a martial arts-inspired workout, and groove fx, a stylised low impact aerobic workout. Great for those not keen on the studio environment.

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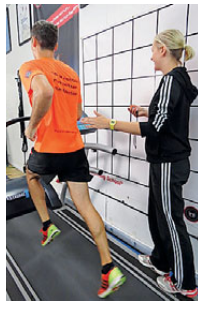

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Look the part

All these thoughts about getting into shape has inspired us to look for the training gear that will, psychologically at least, get you into the right mood. Anita Active have launched a new sports bra, called Air Control, which is available from figleaves.com at £51, with matching briefs for £26. We also love the Blackspade Thermal sports top, which is great for getting fit when it's cold outside.

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3 healthy ingredients for a lighter meal

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day, so opt for **pecans** in your porridge to ensure you stay feeling full until lunch-time.

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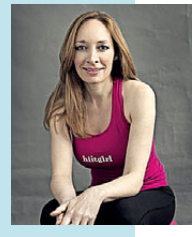

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Hotel for all seasons

With festive excess on the mind, Mark Kebble decides to prime himself by taking a very welcome weekend break at the luxury Stoke Park

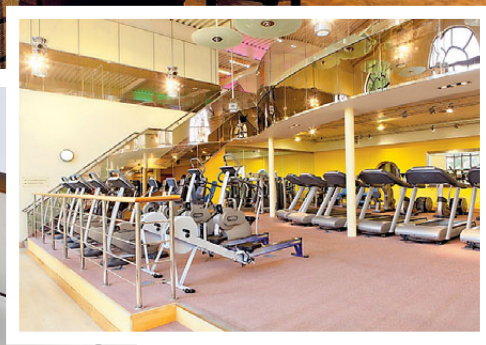
Christmas pudding. Two portions worth. One or two mince pies. And let's not even talk about the dinner with all the trimmings that precedes it… It's the thought of this festive gluttony that has dragged my body, kicking and screaming, into the state-of-the-art gym at Stoke Park while my wife was kicking back in the spa, enjoying a Terraké hot stones face and body massage. The fact I was the only person in there didn't help dispel the envious thoughts.

However, with a workout done, I could finally sit back and take in my surroundings. Located in the heart of Buckinghamshire, Stoke Park is a luxury five-star hotel that offers anything and everything for the perfect getaway. Whether you want an active weekend – the aforementioned gym is one option, but you can also play a spot of tennis or take a more sedate stroll around 27-hole golf course – or something a little more exercise-free, this place has it in spades.

Even arriving at the hotel is a godsend. After spending an hour stuck in traffic on the M25, Stoke Park is located just off the M40, providing easy access (well, M25 traffic aside) for all London dwellers. Their luxury bedrooms are housed either within the Mansion, all old school charm, or the younger, more vibrant Pavilion building. My wife and I stayed in the latter, in one of the spacious junior suites. Pop Art adorns the walls giving a real colourful and modern feel, with a king size bed, seating area and marble bathroom with separate bath and walk-in shower capping off the amenities.

Arriving late on a Friday, there was only time to freshen up (and enjoy the champagne welcome) before we were heading into nearby Bray, which could quite easily be called Blumenthal. After all, the chef who likes to mix it up owns the legendary Fat Duck, The Crown pub and The Hind's Head. It was the latter that we ventured to and we were mightily impressed. So often we've visited hyped up restaurants to find service sub-standard

Stoke Park's bedrooms mix history with luxury



Pictured this page clockwise from top: the spa relaxation area; the gym at Stoke Park; fine dining at Humphry's

I could barely conceal my childish glee about tucking into Humphry's 'Snickers' desssert

and a relentless churn of guests to ensure as many sittings as possible. The Hind's Head was anything but, extremely relaxed, friendly and food to die for.

After a very peaceful night's sleep, we took breakfast at the Pavilion restaurant San Marco, before heading off down the road to explore Windsor and Eton. The former is a lovely town, with reams of tourists hustling around outside the castle, but head in a little further and there are a wealth of shops and restaurants to while away the day. Let's not mention the fact we waited to see the changing of the guard in completely the wrong place (tsk, tourists). Eton, of course, is very much about the college and was eerily quiet on a Saturday, bar the odd student strolling about in full uniform. It was a marked difference to the busy town just across the bridge, but did offer the opportunity for a quiet lunch.

After an afternoon spent conserving our energy (which basically meant lying around our suite and having a nap), it was time to see just why Stoke Park's Humphry's fine dining restaurant is so highly regarded. Located in the historic Mansion part of the premises, Humphry's is headed up by Chris Wheeler, whose innovative Modern British cuisine has seen the restaurant awarded 3 AA rosettes. The menu is impressive: we started with the Dorset crab and avocado tian (for her) and the tomato consommé with goat's cheese tortellini (for me), a light introduction into the mains of pan-fried fillet of wild sea bass (for her) and canon of new season lamb with Windsor ale slow-braised osso buco (for me). The flavours combined wonderfully, with the lamb in particular a sensational cut of meat. Despite all of this, I could barely conceal my childish glee about tucking into Humphry's 'Snickers' dessert: milk chocolate and peanut mousse, salted chocolate caramel, caramel foam and peanut tuile. I tried to ignore my wife's disdainful glare as she opted for the sorbet, which wasn't too difficult as I quickly devoured the delight in front of me. It was a nice touch, too, to meet Chris Wheeler himself, who was happy to answer a host of questions about his methods, although in hindsight perhaps I shouldn't have focused so much on the 'Snickers' dish.

So to the final morning and with memories lingering of the three-course feast from the night before, I prepared my gym kit for one final assault on the cardio equipment. I was all set, I assure you, until the hotel kindly offered the opportunity to enjoy a Thalgo aromatic body massage in the spa. Within minutes I was settled back in the relaxing waiting area, dressing gown on, suggesting it wasn't a hard decision to make. I will just have the one mince pie.

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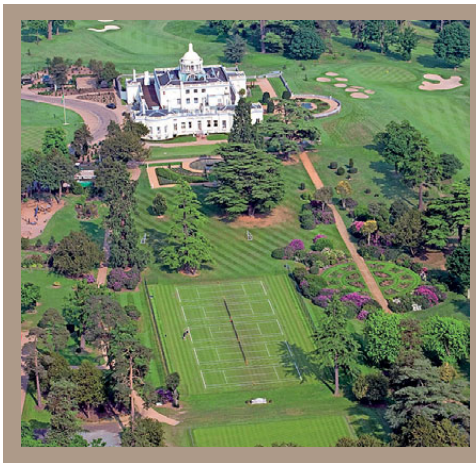

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Spice of life

The Angel resident LOVES

Gerard Levy and his family-run business has come far since launching as a stall on Camden Lock in 1985. Here he tells Mark Kebble about how they evolved

January is notoriously cold, dark and drizzly – but spare a thought for those who have had to brave the outdoors rather than snuggle up in front of the fire. 'I've never really been a great morning person, so getting pulled out of bed at 5am every weekend on a freezing cold winter's morning was never going to leave a lasting impression on me,' Gerard Levy smiles. 'But one thing is for sure, there is no way we would be here today without Camden Lock, and more importantly my mum's sheer determination.'

It was in the early 1980s that Helen Levy rented a Camden Lock stall to sell cheap plimsolls and boots. The venture was such a success that in 1985 she opened her first shop, Spice London, in Primrose Hill, with her son (Gerard, 14 at the time) and daughter (Simone) in tow. After opening a second shop in Highgate, Spice London eventually came to Islington in 2001. 'I wasn't familiar with the area,' Gerard thinks back, 'but I started supplying one of the best shops in the area and they sold one of my products really well. I came down and could see something similar to Primrose Hill – it may have been bigger, but there was a quirkiness I liked. Things weren't working out in Highgate, so I decided the time was right to blossom.'

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That was when I knew, despite the knocks, that I was doing it right

Settled into their new home, Spice London did indeed blossom and soon enough they were being lavished with praise and awards. 'It's very humbling,' Gerard says on industry recognition. 'Customers are very complimentary and of course tell you are doing well by making purchases. But when you hear it from your peers, it's very special. Winning in 2008 for Drapers' Women's Footwear Retailer of the Year was a very special moment. That was when I knew, despite the knocks, that I was doing it right.'

Despite the success, Gerard has ensured that Spice London hasn't stood still. 'As well as our own label, most of the designers we stock we've had for many years. However, we tend to add at least one new designer each year,' he says. 'This way we are able to keep a consistency with the collection, but adding something new keeps it fresh.'

Only recently, Gerard took the decision to introduce clothes to their two shops. 'I had flirted with the idea for many years,' he explains, 'but after a really difficult S/S12 – when it just didn't stop raining! – I knew we had to do something. Fortunately it has gone well and our new clothes collection has been a phenomenal success.'

Don't expect that to be it when it comes to evolution. 'I am one of those people that just doesn't stop!' Gerard laughs. 'Today I concentrate more on the buying, web, merchandising and branding side [of the business], with my wife and sister looking after the retail side more now. Although I may not be in the shop as much as before, I can promise that next year both the shops and collections will look fresher than ever before.' It's amazing what 5am winter starts can do for drive and determination.

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As thoughts turn towards a new start with January here, Islington is a wonderful example of how we should embrace our history too. This Grade II-listed house is part of the Cross Street Conservation Area and had been left to deteriorate over time. With the help of Roger Mears Architects, alterations were carefully considered when new owners took over the property, with the intention of keeping the impact on the existing 18th century fabric to a minimum. The result is truly stunning – the house has suffered so much over time, but its history has been recaptured through the love and hard work of everyone involved.

✤ Roger Mears Architects, 2 Compton Terrace N1 2UN; 020 7359 8222; rmears.co.uk

Interiors NEWS

Raft of changes

The latest season has seen Camden Passage favourite Raft move all its fabric sofa and armchair manufacturing to London, and as a result not only does the company further enhance its sustainable footprint, but customers benefit directly – from quicker delivery times to increased cover options. The Manhattan sofa is now available in 150 different fabric options, and also new for this season are upholstered seating options Madura and Belmont.

✤ 51-53 Camden Passage N1 8EA; 020 8450 5078; raftfurniture.co.uk

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✤ 31 Exmouth Market EC1R 4QL; 020 7833 0370; gnfurniture.co.uk

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✤ 272 Upper Street N1 2XN; 020 7226 3322

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✤ Robertsradio.co.uk

Retro telephone in French blue, £55

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✤ 08456 049049; johnlewis.com

Living Area
The accessories and furniture are a mix of Scandinavian and modern Italian designs

Best of both worlds

History meets modern living – via the Regent's Canal – at this stunning property on Vincent Terrace

Normally we use these pages to introduce a wonderful local property, but in this case it's not necessary. 'There have been a few times when I have been in a black cab that the driver knows it, or local people stop me to say they used to come here as a child,' smiles Mark Hoskins. 'It really used to be a part of the community.'

The property on Vincent Terrace was formely a school, then a Salvation Army hall, before being turned into a home. Saying that, Mark and his wife still had to take a punt on it six years ago. 'When we first saw it, it was a wreck!' he exclaims. 'But what really struck us was that it was very light and spacious. It screamed potential.'

Following a complete renovation, the home now boasts an open plan living/dining room, master bedroom suite, four further bedrooms, family bathroom and a landscaped garden. But the past still plays a role: stained glass windows harking back to the Salvation Army days remain intact. And then there's the quirky exterior. 'There is space for two terraced homes,' Mark explains its look. 'I wouldn't use the word quirky, but it's certainly unique.' Once seen, you won't forget this home.

✤ The property on Vincent Terrace N1 is on the market with Savills at £3,950,000 – call 020 7226 1313 for more information

Master Bedroom
Covering the entire first floor, this space is a complete luxury

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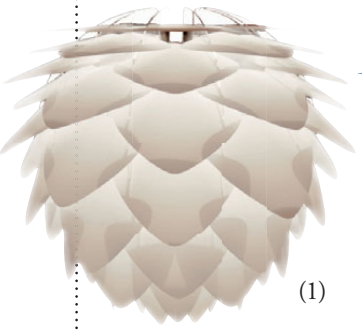
Landscaped Garden
Not visible here, the garden has a memorial stone in honour of a former Headmistress

Regent's Canal
Situated facing this Islington landmark makes the property feel even more spacious

Ideas to steal



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1. Vita Silvia lampshade, £60.
✤ cloudberryliving.co.uk

2. Wild bird feeding station, made from 100% recycled wood, £11.
✤ thegreatgiftcompany.com

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3. Silk Icat scatter cushion in Galata, £49.
✤ sofa.com

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4. Abingdon 4 seater Modular Corner cerulean blue angle sofa, £1,099.
✤ made.com

5. New Vive bath from BC Designs, £3,420.
✤ bcdesigns.co.uk

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Bathroom
The white colour palette throughout accentuates the light and space

LUXE LIVING

The bedroom to the back of the property has wonderful views over the City, particularly striking at night

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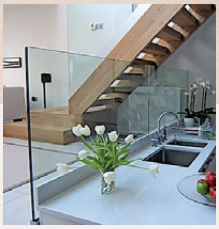

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PYRLAND ROAD, N5

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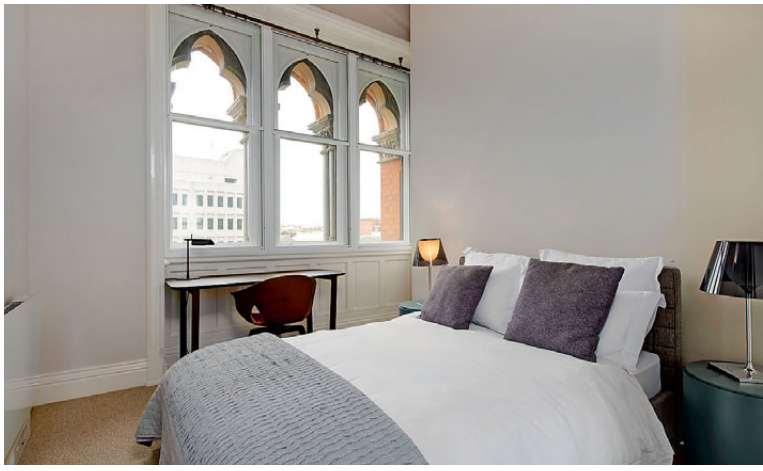

St Pancras Chambers, King's Cross NW1

A contemporary apartment in the historic St Pancras Chambers

A two bedroom open plan apartment situated in this immaculately restored landmark building. The property maintains many of its original period features including double height ceilings.
2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, kitchen/reception room. EPC rating E. Approximately 118.41 sq m (1,273 sq ft)

Leasehold

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Keystone Crescent, Islington N1

Superb location

An attractive period house within walking distance to Kings Cross Station. Situated over three floors the property comprises 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, reception room, eat in kitchen and off street parking. Approximately 83 sq m (894 sq ft).
EPC rating D

Guide price £850 per week

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Property NEWS

ATHLETIC VISION

The first private rental homes in London's newest neighbourhood at East Village have now been handed over to Get Living London, ready for the first renters to the former London 2012 Athletes' Village

✤ Who is buying:
Typical buyers include young professionals and families who are looking to find a property that is within easy access of their place of work in the City and also offers that residential, village atmosphere.

✤ Typical price:
Properties on the street vary anywhere from a £400,000 one bed to a £2,000,000 family home.

Street of the month

THORNHILL ROAD

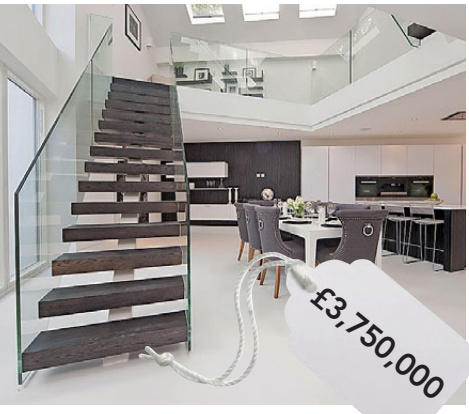
Once fields and farmland up to the late 1700s, Thornhill Road runs through the heart of Barnsbury and boasts a beautiful mix of architecture, ranging from detached period family homes to residential conversions, and an early 20th century mansion block on the north end of the street. Some of the most sought after residential streets in Islington run off Thornhill Road, such as Ripplevale Grove, Malvern Terrace and Barnsbury Street.

It is also home to one of Islington's most favoured pubs, The Albion (above), attracting both locals and visitors to the area. Thornhill Road is also well placed for the many amenities in Barnsbury including Barnard Park and Upper Street with its shops, bars and restaurants. Transport links at Angel, Highbury & Islington, Caledonian Road & Barnsbury and King's Cross/St. Pancras are all within easy reach. In addition to its central location, Thornhill Road also benefits from a neighbourhood feel with many of the residents' children attending Thornhill Primary School.

✤ By Stacey Fletcher, Cluttons; 020 7354 6666

Properties to buy in your neighbourhood

LOCAL LUXE



The ultimate in modern living

This house on Florence Street is a great example of a modern architecturally designed house, which offers privacy and seclusion set over lateral living space.

✤ Chesterton Humberts, 327-329 Upper Street N1 2XQ; 020 7359 9777; chestertonhumberts.com

Period and modern combine

This attractive two bedroom freehold house on Buckingham Road is arranged over three floors and is presented in excellent decorative order, mixing period and contemporary features.

✤ Savills, 94-96 Upper Street N1 0NP; 020 7226 1313; savills.co.uk

Views over Wenlock Basin

A larger than average one bedroom, first floor loft apartment on Wenlock Road with a superb balcony overlooking the Wenlock Basin.

✤ Cluttons, 6 Camden Walk N1 8DY; 020 7354 6666; cluttons.com

Photo: Joe Lord

MY AREA: Nick Moore

Most people look to January as the ideal time to make a change, but for Nick Moore that happened in the middle of 2013. 'They have an excellent reputation within the industry and when I was approached to join the team in Islington I jumped at the chance,' he explains about joining the Knight Frank N1 office. 'Daniel Omell, who heads up the office, and I have known each other for almost 15 years, so being able to combine our years of experience in the Islington market at Knight Frank was very appealing.'

Now settled into his new role, what does Nick expect to see in 2014? 'It's always difficult to predict the way the market is going to pan out so early in the year,' he considers, 'but if 2013 is anything to go by then we should be in for another great year in Islington. Opening a new office is always a challenge [as Knight Frank did in N1 in 2012], but celebrating our one-year anniversary in September felt like we had reached a real milestone.'

> As anyone living here will know, it's all the little things that makes it the place it is

Despite a change of agency, Nick was never going to drift away from N1. 'I love Islington and whilst I have been tempted to work elsewhere over the years, when it comes down to it I couldn't work anywhere else!' he exclaims. 'As anyone living here will know, it's all the little things that makes it the place it is. You only have to walk down Upper Street to understand why people are drawn to the area. It's difficult to walk ten paces without finding yourself tempted into one of the many delis, shops or restaurants. Property-wise, Islington has it all, from small flats for first first-time buyers to large family homes – the area has something for everyone.'

Insider infomation

✤ Typical property: Georgian or early Victorian terraced houses.

✤ Average sales and rental prices: £1,250,000 upwards depending on location, and to rent £1,000 plus per week.

✤ Popular roads or areas of Angel: St Peter's Conservation Area, Barnsbury, and Canonbury.

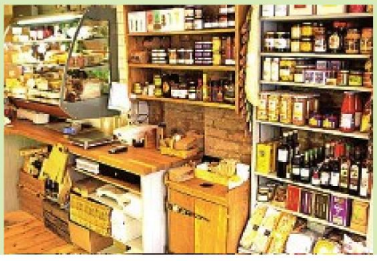
What I love...

What does Angel offer that you don't feel you get anywhere else?
Angel ticks a lot of boxes for a lot of people. It has great shops, great restaurants, parks, the canal, and excellent transport – there is very little that one needs to compromise on.

What local shop can't you get enough of?
The De Beauvoir Deli has recently opened on Theberton Street – their sandwiches are fantastic and you no longer have to take a trip to Southgate Road to get one.

Is there a bar or pub you love going to?
Islington has so many great pubs that it's difficult to pick just one, but I've always loved the Island Queen on Noel Road.

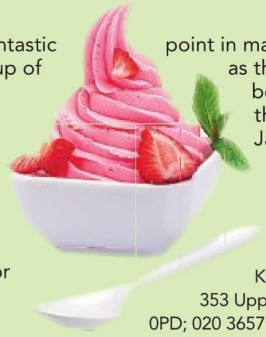
Where can you get the best coffee or tea?
Frae on Camden Passage – although mainly known for its frozen yoghurt, it also does a fantastic (and cheap) cup of coffee.



Do you have a TV programme fix?
Much like everyone else in the world, or so it seems, it has to be Homeland.

What has been the best addition to Angel over recent years?
Knight Frank, obviously!

Finally Nick, do you have any New Year resolutions?
No, I realised long ago that there was no point in making them as they'd always be broken by the end of January!



✤ Nick Moore is Senior Negotiator at Knight Frank, 353 Upper Street N1 0PD; 020 3657 7340; knightfrank.com

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St. Peter's Street London N1

reception room | dining room with open-plan kitchen | 2 bedrooms | bathroom
utility room | garden | EPC rating D

A charming garden maisonette within an attractive period property in the heart of Angel within easy reach of numerous transport links

Guide price **£740,000 leasehold**

Canonbury Crescent London N1

reception room | 4 bedrooms | 2 bathrooms | kitchen/breakfast room | cloakroom
balcony | garden | EPC rating D

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reception room | 2 bedrooms | bathroom | kitchen | detached studio
EPC rating D

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Guide price **£595,000 leasehold**

Holloway Road London N7

reception room with open-plan kitchen | bedrooms | bathroom | balcony
communal terrace | porter | EPC rating C

A beautifully presented apartment set on the second floor of this modern development a short distance from Upper Street and adjacent to Highbury Fields

Guide price **£395,000 leasehold**

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Almorah Road London N1

double reception room with open-plan kitchen | 2 bedrooms | bathroom
garden | EPC rating D

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Unfurnished **£595 per week**

Liverpool Road London N7

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Union Wharf London N1

reception room | bedroom | bathroom | kitchen/breakfast room
balcony | porter | lift | EPC rating B

Spacious warehouse conversion boasting floor-to-ceiling windows and canal views, situated within a short distance of Upper Street

Furnished **£475 per week**

Gifford Street London N1

reception room | bedroom | bathroom | kitchen | 2 balconies
private parking | EPC rating C

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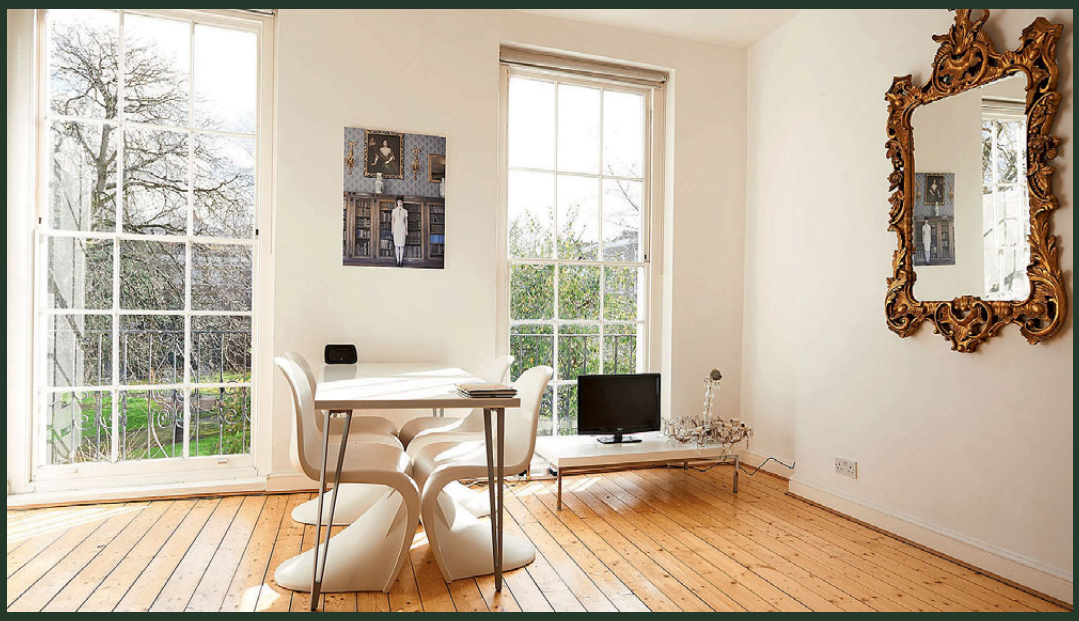

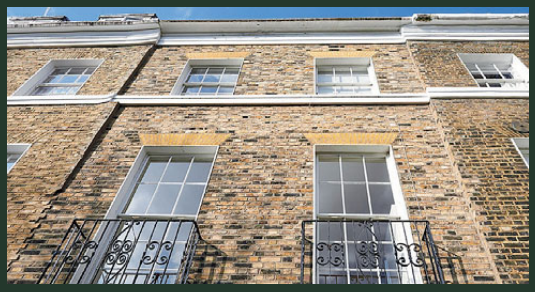

Wilmington Square, Clerkenwell WC1 £410 per week

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per week

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EPC rating C

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Rocliffe Street, N1 £1,595,000
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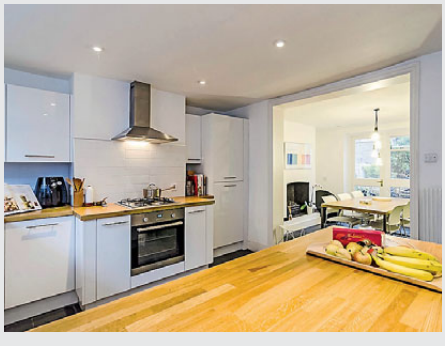

Haverstock Street, N1 £1,350,000 Freehold
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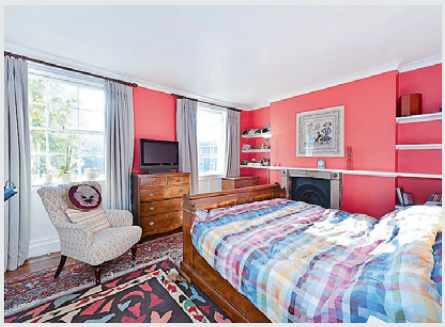

Wilmington Square, WC1

A spacious property with flexible accommodation on the raised section of pavement overlooking one of the area's prettiest garden squares. Wilmington Square is situated off Rosebery Avenue and is within easy reach of the amenities of Upper Street, Clerkenwell and the West End. The nearest underground station is at Farringdon. **EPC: Grade II Listed**

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My Angel

(1)

Working with fish involves dawn starts, heavy lifting and icy hands. Yet four generations of the same family have run the fish shop on Essex Road. Go there to buy fresh fish and see your purchase – octopus, Dover sole, mullet, and much more – gutted and filleted in front of you by the white-wellie-booted staff overseen by Steve Hatt.

(2)

(3)

I was serving an old lady with live eels one day… when one of the eels slipped right out of my hand and shot up in the air like a missile. Near the front of the queue was an extremely tough looking 6 foot 3 inch American gentleman who it has to be said was absolutely terrified. He nearly fainted! The old lady thought it was hilarious.

I tried fishing on boats… but it is an intolerable way of earning a living: 25 years ago fishing was statistically the most dangerous occupation – you couldn't get life insurance.

My great grandfather opened the shop in 1895. My father wanted me to go into a profession – be an accountant or a solicitor, but once I'd decided on fish, that was it.

(4)

Supermarkets cannot provide the same quality fresh fish, 24 hours out of the water

I wake at 3.20am… and except for a few days in the summer it's always dark. I collate overnight orders then drive across to New Billingsgate Fish Market near Canary Wharf. (4)

I don't regard supermarkets as competition. They can provide parking and late night shopping, but they cannot provide the same quality fresh fish, 24 hours out of the water.

I don't normally have lunch… as in the late 80s and 90s there were some small, character restaurants in Islington – Monsieur Frog (now a showroom), Anna's Place, off Liverpool Road, and the Camden Passage heydays with Robert Carrier (the founding father of modern food photography, especially fish), although there is still Frederick's that I enjoy visiting. (1)

I used to shoot… partridge and pheasant mostly, but I've got arthritis in my shoulder so my main hobby these days is skiing. (3)

I love cooking fish. Try salmon in the oven with a honey and mustard glaze: done in 15 minutes. (2)

✤ Steve Hatt Fishmongers, 88-90 Essex Road N1 8LU. Open Tuesday–Saturday from 8am-5pm

Interview by Nicola Baird from islingtonfacesblog.com

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